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| <i>First Named Inventor</i>   | Cyrus E. Tabery    |
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| <i>Examiner Name</i>          | Ram N. Kackar      |
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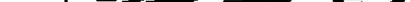
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